

Town of Mansfield  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Meeting Of 16May2012  
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Joan Buck (alt. serving as voting member), Robert Dahn, Neil Facchinetti, Quentin Kessel, John Silander, Frank Trainor

**Members Absent:** Aline Booth (alt.), Scott Lehman, Peter Drzewiecki

**Others Present:** Grant Meitzler (Inlands Wetlands Agent (IWA))

1. Chair Quentin Kessel **called the meeting order** at 7:33 PM. Alternate Joan Buck was designated a voting member for this meeting.
2. The draft **minutes** of the **18April2012 meeting** were approved as written.
3. **W1496 – Town of Mansfield – Mansfield City Road drainage.** After the Commission reviewed the project, Silander **MOVED**, Trainor seconded, that the project appears to have no significant negative impact on inland wetlands, assuming typical precautions against sedimentation and erosion are in place. The motion passed unanimously
4. **W1497 – Guarino, Spring Hill Road, 21’ aboveground pool.** The homeowners appear to be proposing a new swimming pool on a wetland in their back yard. The IWA (Meitzler) will be meeting with the homeowners again to find suitable alternatives with less impact on the wetland. Silander **MOVED**, Beck seconded, that the Conservation Commission recognizes construction is underway, probably in a wetland, and recommends the homeowners should, with help from the IWA, make every effort to mitigate, possibly through relocation, any significant negative impact of this pool project on the wetland. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **PZC File #1309 – Special permit for material removal and regrading, Merrow Road Corn Maze, 3 Merrow Road, Mason Brook LLC/Christopher Kueffner, owner/applicant.** The IWA (Meitzler) reported on specifics and answered questions on this extensive regrading project. Kessel **MOVED** and Silander seconded the following statement in reaction to the project: Because questions remain on whether the land is within a mapped Level A Aquifer Protection Area and therefore whether the regrading project will affect groundwater, the Conservation commission is concerned about the adequacy of precautions being taken to protect this potentially sensitive area. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The Chair distributed pamphlets on state forests.
7. The Chair reported that the EIE for the Four Corners water source is being developed.
8. The Chair reported that the relocation of Uconn’s hazardous waste facility is still unresolved.
9. In response to questions the Chair reported that the Interstate Reliability Project is assumed to be before the Siting Council, which will be considering modifications proposed by affected towns.
10. Adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Neil Facchinetti, acting secretary, 18May2012; approved 20June2012